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- 1. Memesio Paiva, Venez elan labor organizer and employee of the Chell Petroleum Corporation at San Lerenzo, is expected to take an active part in the atroleum contract negotiations.
- Paiva is first known to have been active in Communist affairs when he attended the Fourth National Assembly of the Communist Party in Havana in 1917, acting as representative of the Partido Commista de Venezuela (PCV). In Larch 1916 he was listed as a member of the Politburo and the Central Committee of the PCV, and in April 1918 as PCV Secretary of Organization in the State of Tachira.
- In October 1950 Paiva obtained employment as a chauffeur with Ohell at San Lorenzo. He told company officials that he had just arrived from Caracas and had had no previous oil company experience. Although trusted Shell workers have continually reported Paiva's Communist tendencies, their allogations were not considered seriously, and no action was taken against him, as his appervisors considered him a very competent worker.
- In Shortly after obtaining his present job, Paiva became interested in forming a syndicate in the San Lorenzo District. After the government forbade the dismissal of torkers during the contract negotiations, Paiva vigorously pursued his plans for the syndicate and even admitted to company officials his past Communist affiliations. He teld them, however, that he had broken with the Communist Party. Company officers would now like to discharge Paiva but are hindered from doing so by the government's ban.

5. Paiva is described as "remarkably intelligent" and as a convincing speaker.

90.13 approximately 26 - 30 years of age, of medium height, with piercing black eyes and a somewhat flat head.

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